











# The Status of CO<sub>2</sub> EOR in Texas

CO<sub>2</sub> for EOR as CCUS:

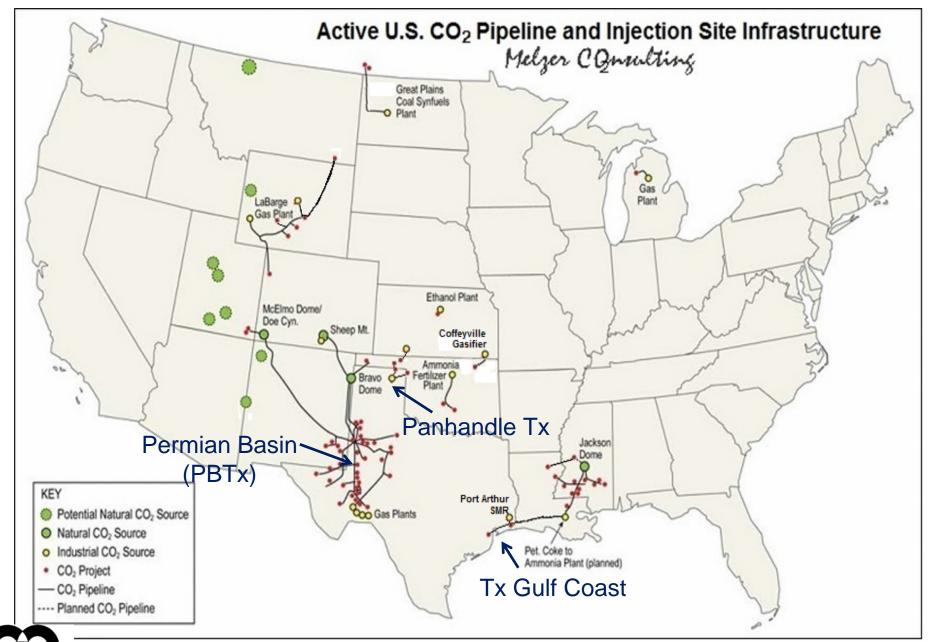
A Collaborative Symposium on CO<sub>2</sub> EOR

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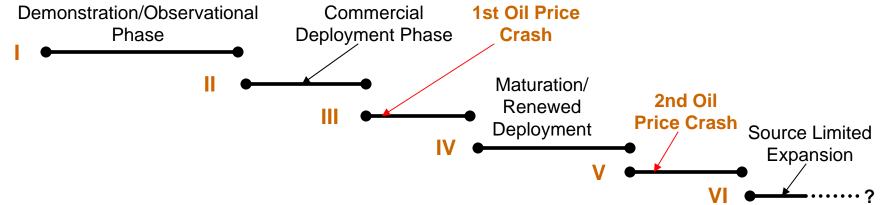


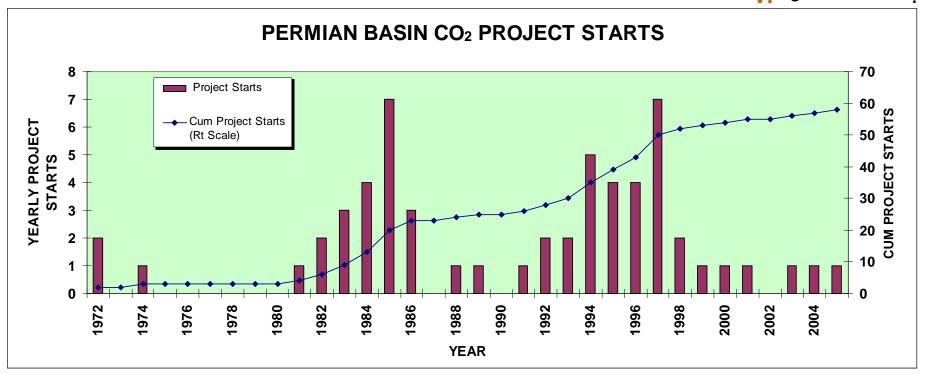




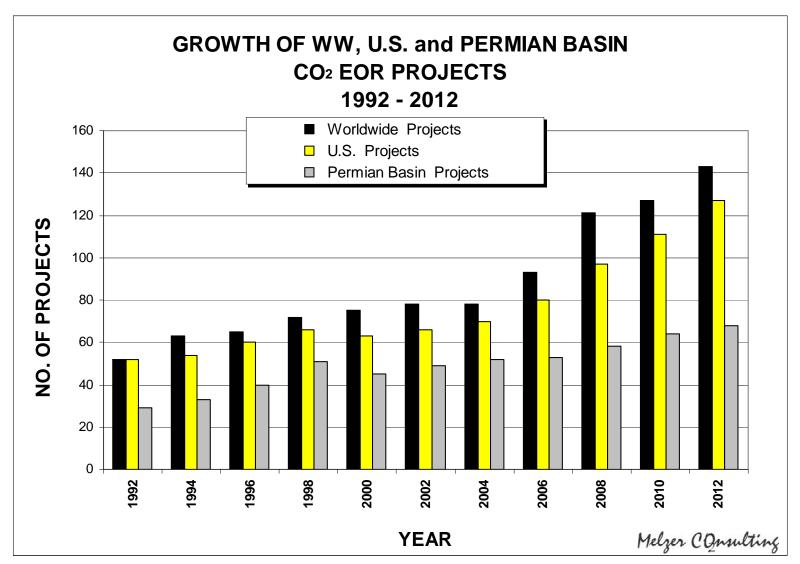
#### THE PHASES OF CO<sub>2</sub> ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY

as Referenced to the Permian Basin Region of the U.S.



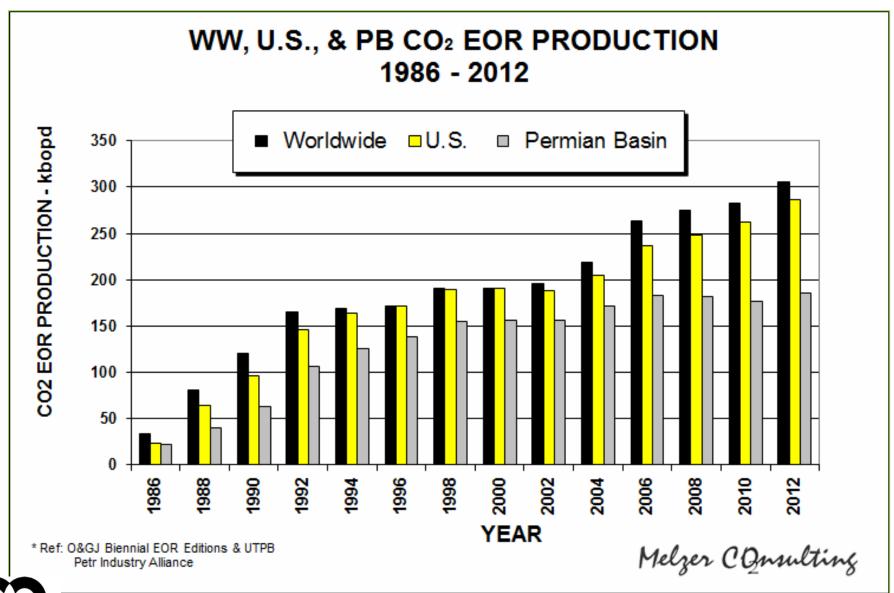


#### **Current Situation – CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Projects**

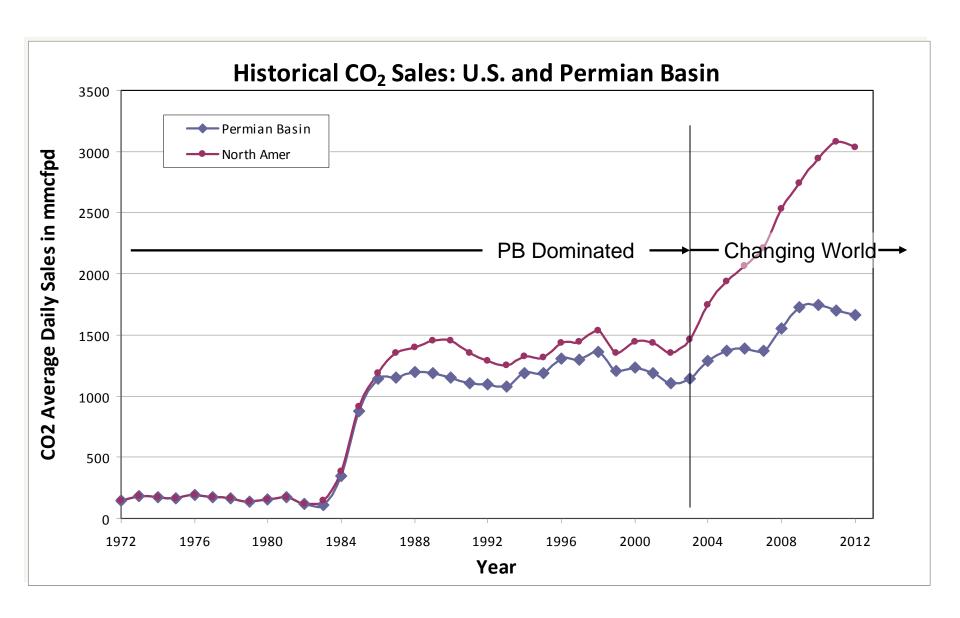




#### Current Situation – CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Production







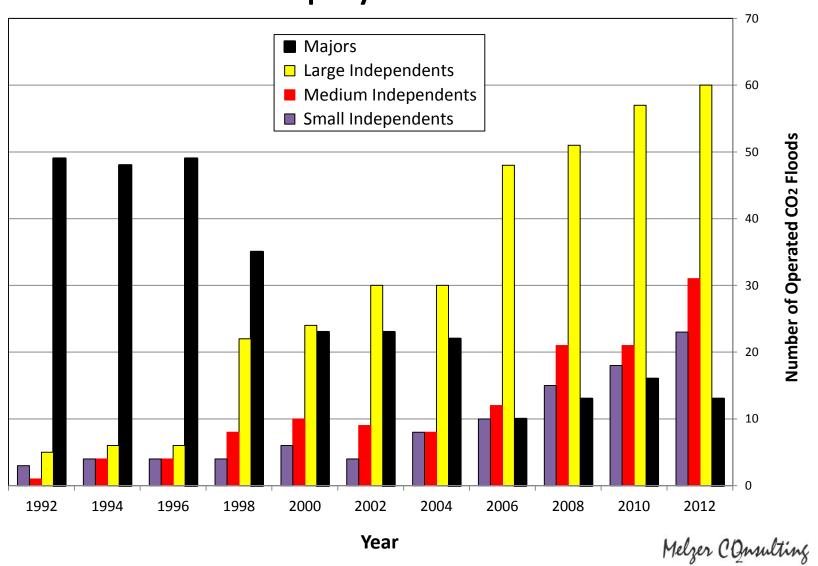


## New Texas CO<sub>2</sub> Floods

Field/Unit	Operator	CO <sub>2</sub> Vols (mmcfpd)	EOR Vols (bopd)
North Perryton	Chaparral Energy		
Albert Spicer Unit	Chaparral Energy		
Booker Trosper Unit	Chaparral Energy	20	2500
Gramstorff Unit	Chaparral Energy		
Farnsworth Unit	Chaparral Energy	J	
Oyster Bayou	Denbury Resources	100	0000
Hastings, West	Denbury Resources	<b>180</b>	9000

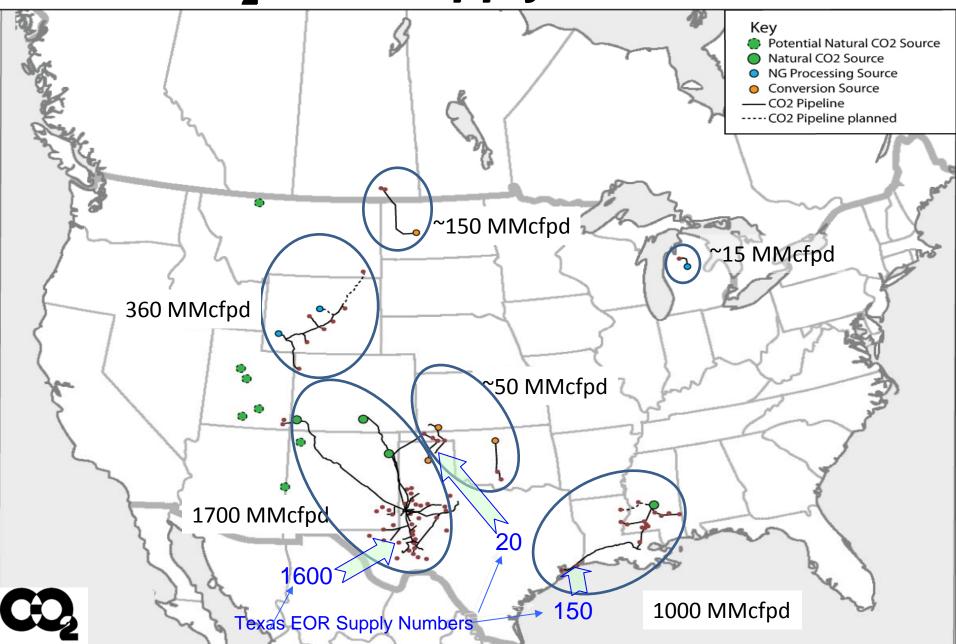


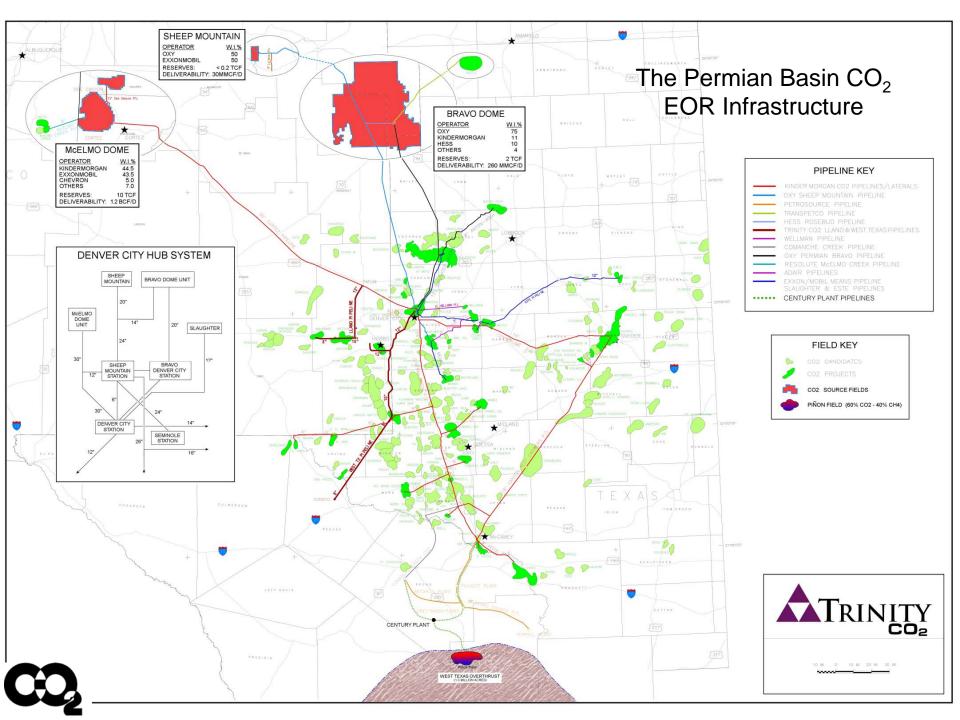
## **CO<sub>2</sub> Flooding Operators Trends:** Company Size over Time

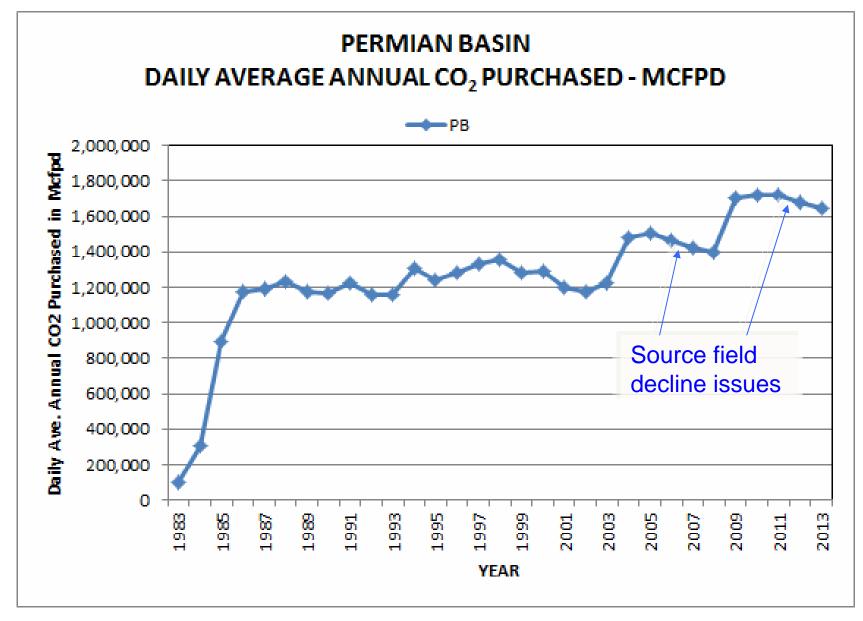




### CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Supply in 2013



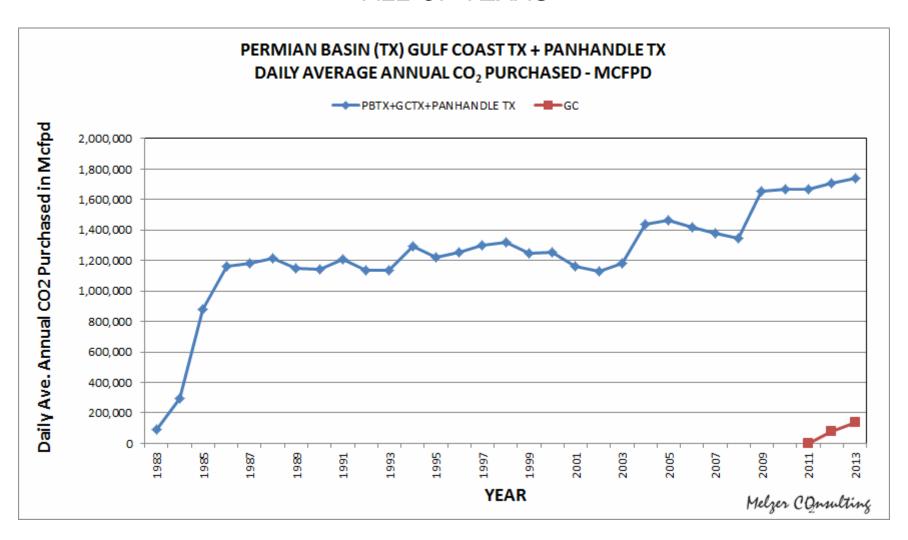






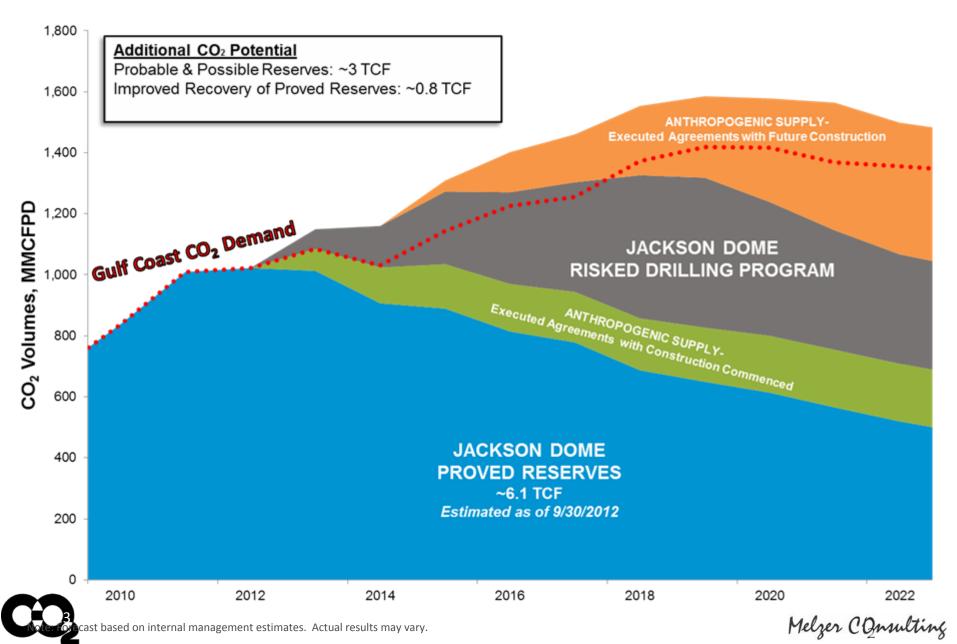
#### CO<sub>2</sub> EOR PURCHASES

ALL OF TEXAS





### **Gulf Coast Supply**



## A Closer Look at CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Technology



#### Categories of Very Successful CO2 Floods

- Geometry Category
  - Horizontal Miscible Floods (w/ Vertical Wells)
  - Vertical Miscible (Gravity Assisted) Floods
  - Vertical Immiscible (Gravity Assisted Floods)
- Lithology Category
  - Dolomites
  - Sandstones
  - Limestones
- Oil Type Category
  - Light Oils (Gravity > 25° API)



#### Categories of Moderately Successful CO2 Floods

- Geometry Category
  - Horizontal Flooding of Immiscible Reservoirs
- Oil Type Category
  - Medium Gravity Oils
- Lithologies
  - Tripolites
  - Marls
- Secondary (Depressured Reservoir) CO<sub>2</sub> Floods



#### Categories of "Challenged" CO<sub>2</sub> Floods

- Geometry Category
  - Dipping Reservoirs Miscible or Immiscible
  - Horizontal Injection Wells
- Age
  - "Pre-law" Wells
- Lithologies
  - Fractured
  - Compartmentalized (Vert or Hor)



#### Categories of "Emerging Technology" CO<sub>2</sub> Floods

Residual Oil Zones

Will also be covered in the next talk: Dr. Trentham

- Medium Gravity Oils
- Beating the Conformance Issues
  - Fractured Reservoirs
  - Highly Variable Permeability Sections in Reservoirs



### Residual Oil Zones (ROZs)

- Industry Has Very Successfully CO<sub>2</sub>
   Flooded Mature Waterfloods
- Mother Nature Can Waterflood Also
- Can We Successful CO<sub>2</sub> Flood MNWs?



#### **Mother Nature Can Waterflood Too!!**

#### A Multiple Stage Tectonics Framework

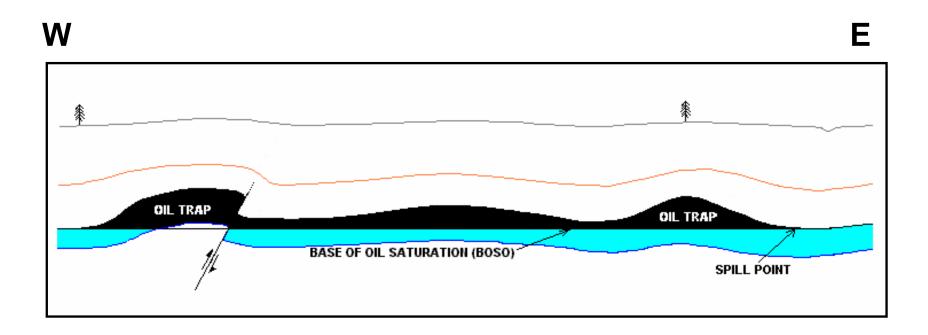
- 1) Deposition
- 2) First Stage Tectonics: Basin Subsidence, Hydrocarbon Generation and Migration to a Trap
- 3) Second Stage Tectonics (Moving Oil Around):
  - I Basinal Tilt,
  - II Breached Seal,
  - III Uplift and Lateral Sweep



#### The Science of Residual Oil Zones

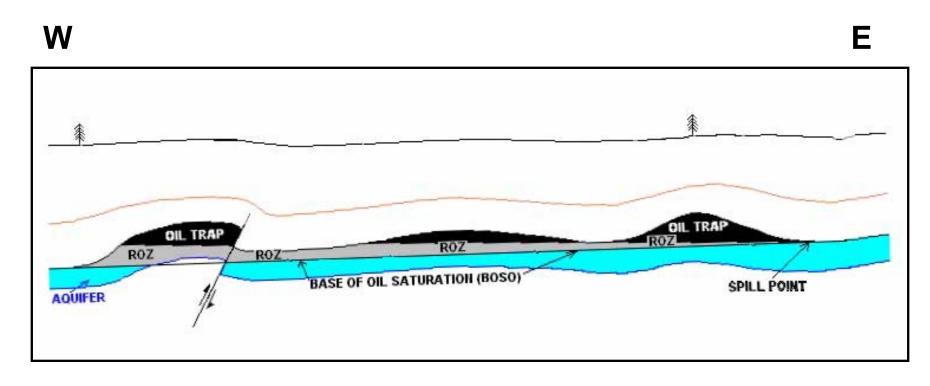


# Original Oil Accumulation Under Static Aquifer Conditions (A Hypothetical Example)





## Original Accumulation Subject to a Westward Regional Tilt & Forming a ROZ

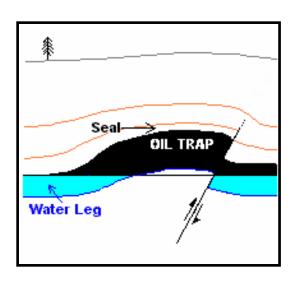


**TYPE 1 ROZ** 

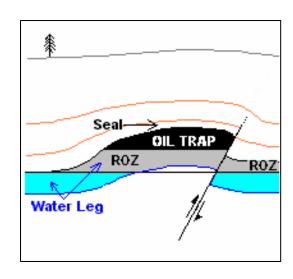


## Original Accumulation with a Breached then Repaired Seal & Forming a ROZ

**ORIGINAL** 



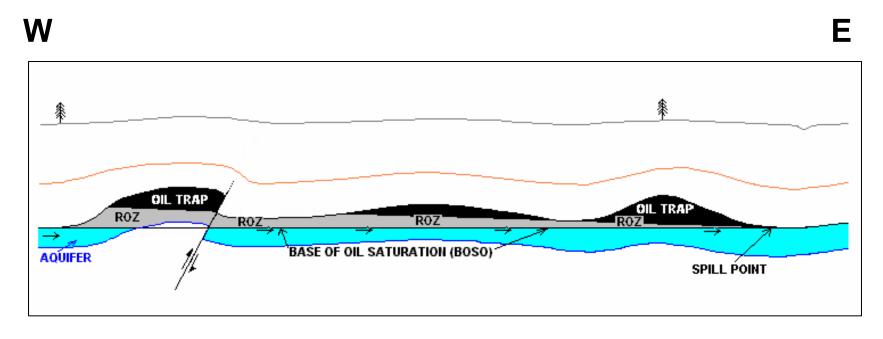
**POST BREACH** 



**TYPE 2 ROZ** 



# Change in Hydrodynamic Conditions, Sweep of the Lower Oil Column, Oil/water Contact Tilt, and Development Of The Residual Oil Zone



#### **TYPE 3 ROZ**

Note: Tilted Oil / Water Contact



# Dr. Trentham's Talk (Next) Will Continue this ROZ Subject



#### KEY TEXAS CO<sub>2</sub> EOR EVENTS

#### **ROZ Exploitation**

- 1992: Shell Initiates Commingled MPZ & Transition Zone Sweet Spot Flood at Denver Unit (DU) to 150 feet below OWC
- 1997: Altura Expands Transition Zone Project at DU to Phase I Area
- 1997: Hess Initiates Commingled MPZ & ROZ pilot at Seminole San Andres Unit (SSAU)
- 2005: Hess Initiates Dedicated ROZ pilot at SSAU
- 2006: Melzer Consulting Publishes DOE Report on the Origins of ROZs and Emerging Commercial Importance
- 2008: Hess Begins Field-wide Deployment of ROZ Project at SSAU
- 2008: ARI et al Publish DOE Report on the ROZ Resource Base
- 2009: UTPB and ROZ Team, Funded by the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America, Working to Better Explain the Origins and Distributions of ROZs in the Permian Basin



### Concluding Thoughts and Observations

- CO<sub>2</sub> EOR has emerged as the Fastest Growing EOR
   Method and this is without Consideration for Value in CO<sub>2</sub>
   Storage 127 U.S. Projects Currently Making 350,000 bopd
- Residual Oil Zones are Emerging as Viable CO<sub>2</sub> EOR
   Opportunities in the Permian Basin. Twelve Active Projects
   Underway Making >11,000 bopd.
- 3. Growth in CO<sub>2</sub> EOR is Limited by Supplies of Available and Affordable CO<sub>2</sub>. Current Supplies (3.1 bcfpd {65 million tons per year} are 75% Pure Natural and 25% Industrial by-product)
- 4. ROZ Opportunities Need to be Evaluated in Other Regions/Basins. Is the Permian Basin Really Unique?
- 5. Convergence of Storage Objectives Can Change the Pace of Deployment of CO<sub>2</sub> EOR in Dramatic Fashion





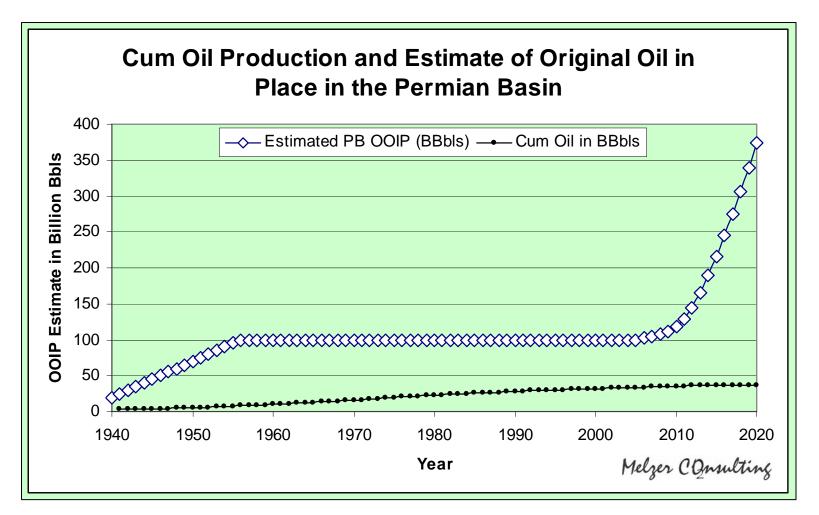
### Questions?



# A Final Set of Thoughts on CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Technology



# Renewed Growth of PB Production and New Evolving Estimates of OOIP





# Are We Comfortable with This? Either as an Industry or as the State of Tx

